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**PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT ANNOUNCES
NEW STANDING ORDER 5-11 AND FORM
REGARDING PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND THE MUPC**

The Probate and Family Court announces the implementation of Standing Order 5-11, **Regarding the Application of G. L. c. 190B, Articles I –IV, VI & VII, to Estate Cases Pending on January 2, 2012 or with a Decree Issued Prior Thereto.** The full text of the standing order is available at:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt/mupchub.html>

The Standing Order was developed and recommended by the MUPC Implementation Committee, Estate Working Group, and addresses how the estate administration and trust provisions of the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code, G. L. c. 190B (“MUPC”), will apply to proceedings pending after January 2, 2012, where a permanent decree has not entered or where a permanent decree has entered, but other proceedings may be pending in the matter.

As a result of the Standing Order, a new form has been created. If a citation is issued by the Court on a petition requesting the appointment of a fiduciary, prior to January 2, 2012 and the return date is *after* January 2, 2012, the citation must be accompanied by the new supplemental notice form (“MUPC Supplemental Notice”). The MUPC Supplemental Notice states important information about the changes in the obligations of a Court appointed fiduciary pursuant to the MUPC. The MUPC Supplemental Notice must be served on all interested parties in accordance with the Order of Notice in the Court issued citation. The obligation to provide all interested parties with the MUPC Supplemental Notice rests solely with the Petitioner. The Petitioner shall be responsible for obtaining and completing the MUPC Supplemental Notice.

The MUPC Supplemental Notice form (MPC 591) and Instructions may be obtained at each registry and accessed at:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt/mupcforms.html>

The Standing Order and related form are effective immediately.
